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In re Application of:

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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR
RELATING TO BELLS

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows. It is requested that this amendment be entered before calculation of the filing fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-12 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and substitute -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Claim 5, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and substitute -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Claim 6, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and substitute -- claim 1 -- therefor.